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**APPLICANT: Lothar Eggeling *et al.***

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**EXAMINER: C. Fronda**

**FOR: "Method for Microbially Producing L-Valine"**

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**Commissioner for Patents**  
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed April 26, 2006, the time for a response to which is set to expire on July 26, 2006. Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 2 of this paper.